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Ethics Commission

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ETHICS Commission Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

Members Present: Wilfred Duchesneau, Brett Palmer, Charles McCleary

Member Absent: Derek Reed

Others Present: LouAnn Cannella, Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant,
Rebecca Einsiedel, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

Chairman Duchesneau called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Town Hall Annex Meeting Room.

II. Citizens' Forum [Non-Agenda Items]:

Chairman Duchesneau welcomed Rebecca Einsiedel as the transitioning Recording Secretary for the Ethics Commission.

The Meeting was suspended at 7:02 pm while staff assisted two residents who entered looking for another meeting location. The meeting resumed at 7:07 pm.

III. Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2019

MOVED (MCCLEARY), SECONDED (PALMER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2019 ETHICS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING.

IV. Executive Session

A. Determination of jurisdiction concerning a pending complaint (#1-2019)

MOVED (MCCLEARY), SECONDED (PALMER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:09 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING JURISDICTION CONCERNING A PENDING COMPLAINT.

Present: W. Duchesneau, B. Palmer and Charles McCleary

The Ethics Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

THE ETHICS COMMISSION MOVED (PALMER), SECONDED (MCCLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISMISS COMPLAINT #1-2019 DUE TO LACK OF JURISDICTION UNDER SECTION 7-B OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON CODE OF ETHICS. THE COMMISSION FINDS THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT STATE A CLAIM UPON WHICH RELIEF CAN BE GRANTED. IN ADDITION THE COMMISSION FINDS SECTION 4, PART D AND E REFERENCED IN THE COMPLAINT ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

B. Code of Ethics-Review and Recommend Revisions

Chairman Duchesneau began the discussion of the reviewing the provided copies of The Code of Ethics from the surrounding towns and how it would be best to divide them for review and comparison. Dialogue concurred that the commission would divide and compare the copies of the samples from area towns to Ellington's Code. Mr. Palmer noted that the Town of Stafford does not have a Code of Ethics, just an employee handbook. Mr. Palmer also offered to review the Towns of East Windsor and Tolland. Mr. McCleary offered to review the Town of South Windsor. Chairman Duchesneau will contact Mr. Reed and decide who would review The Towns of Enfield and Vernon. The Committee will discuss the comparisons they find in detail at the March 2020 meeting.

V. Election of Officers

Chairman Duchesneau made a motion to postpone voting the Election of Officers until the March 2020 meeting due to Mr. Reed not being present.

MOVED (MCCLEARY), SECONDED (PALMER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO POSTPONE ELECTION OF OFFICERS UNTIL THE MARCH 2020 MEETING.

VI. Adjournment

MOVED (MCCLEARY), SECONDED (PALMER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Einsiedel
Recording Secretary